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Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations on its second session

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I. MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

A. Draft decision

1. The Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

General review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To extend the mandate of the Working Group for a period of one year, with a meeting time of not less than two weeks, and requests the Working Group to present its final report to the Council at its substantive session of 1996;

(b) To increase, on the basis of equitable geographical representation, the present membership of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to implement this decision after the completion of the current review;

(c) That, starting in 1996, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall meet annually and, as required, on an ad hoc basis, should this be necessary for the prompt discharge of its duties;

(d) To request the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to undertake a thorough review of its methods of work with a view to improving and streamlining its procedures;

(e) To prolong the consultative status, Roster, of those non-governmental organizations so accredited by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1993/329, subject to a final resolution of the issue by the Council at its substantive session of 1996, following the outcome of the review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations currently under way.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The attention of the Council is drawn to the following decision adopted by the Open-ended Working Group:

Proposals concerning arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations

At the 5th meeting, on 31 May 1995, the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations

decided to annex to the report on its second session* the compilation of proposals submitted by the Working Group during its discussion of the review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations.

II. GENERAL REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

3. The Working Group considered item 2 of its agenda at the 1st to 5th meetings, from 8 to 12 and on 31 May 1995. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Working document for the second session of the Open-ended Working Group (E/AC.70/1995/CRP.1);

(b) Statement submitted by the International Service for Human Rights, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/1);

(c) Statement submitted by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/2);

(d) Statement submitted by the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/3);

(e) Statement submitted by the International Chamber of Commerce, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/4);

(f) Statement submitted by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/5);

(g) Statement submitted by the American Association of Retired Persons, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/6);

(h) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/7);

(i) Statement submitted by Rotary International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/8).

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* For the text of the compilation of proposals, see document E/1995/83/Add.1.

4. At the 1st meeting, on 8 May 1995, the Chairman made an introductory statement.

5. Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Canada, the United States of America and China.

6. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council made statements: World Federation of United Nations Associations, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and American Association of Retired persons.

7. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Roster, also made statements: Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations and International Synergy Institute.

8. At the 2nd meeting, on 8 May 1995, the representative of the Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

9. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council made statements: International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres, World Federalist Movement, Human Rights Internet, Service, Justice and Peace in Latin America, Rotary International and World Council of Indigenous Peoples.

10. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Roster, also made statements: Canadian Council for International Cooperation, World Wide Fund for Nature, Third World Network, Institute de Analises Sociais E Economicas (IBASE) and World Economy, Ecology and Development (WEED) (joint statement), United Nations Association of Sweden in Stockholm, Country Women Association of Nigeria, Instituto del Tercer Mundo and United Nations Association of the United States of America.

11. At the 5th meeting, on 31 May 1995, the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Ambassador Gervais, proposed to the Working Group the adoption of the text of an oral draft decision agreed on the basis of informal consultations.

12. Before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of India, the United States, the Russian Federation and Brazil.

13. The representative of India stated that the whole United Nations system, including United Nations bodies and conferences dealing not only with economic, social and sustained economic growth and sustainable development issues, but also with disarmament, finance, trade, law and humanitarian affairs, should be open to the participation of non-governmental organizations. In her view, the Economic and Social Council, as the only body dealing with non-governmental organization consultations, was also the only body competent to look into the matter and make suitable recommendations, as necessary, to the General Assembly.

Her delegation expected the Working Group to look into this matter, which was a proposal of the Group of 77, when it reconvened.

14. The representative of the United States noted the importance of the question of financial implications. In particular, he expressed concern over the possibility that the language contained in paragraphs (a) and (c) of the draft decision (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision) might call for additional resources. He reserved the right to reopen negotiations on the text at the appropriate time in the event that the Secretariat issued a financial implications paper on the matter. The representative of the Russian Federation voiced the same concern as had been expressed by the representative of the United States regarding the financial implications of the draft decision.

15. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: Lutheran World Federation and International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres.

16. The Working Group then adopted the draft decision (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision).

17. Also at the 5th meeting, the Working Group, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to annex to the report on its second session the text of the compilation of proposals submitted to the Working Group during its discussion of the review of arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, sect. B, draft decision).

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

18. The Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 12 May 1995 and on 26 and 31 May 1995, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80. The Working Group held five formal meetings and a number of informal meetings.

B. Agenda and organization of work

19. At the 1st meeting, on 8 May 1995, the Working Group adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/AC.70/1995/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of agenda and organization of work.

2. General review of arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations.

3. Adoption of the report of the Working Group on its second session.

20. The Working Group approved the organization of work as proposed by the Chairman. The Chairman informed the Working Group that Mr. Jean-Marie Gervais (Côte d'Ivoire) would conduct informal consultations to ensure timely preparation of recommendations to the Economic and Social Council.

21. Taking into account the recommendation made by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/221, the Working Group decided not to hold meetings on Wednesday, 10 May 1995.

22. Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Algeria and Cuba.

C. Attendance

23. Representatives of the following States attended the session: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

24. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented: American Association of Retired Persons, Canadian Council for International Cooperation, Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, Country Women Association of Nigeria, Human Rights Internet, Instituto De Analises Sociais E Economicas (IBASE), Institute del Tercer Mundo, International Confederation of Free Trade Associations, International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres, International Synergy Institute, Lutheran World Federation, Rotary International, Service, Justice and Peace in Latin America, Third World Network, United Nations Association of Sweden in Stockholm, United Nations Association of the United States of America, World Council of Indigenous Peoples, World Economy, Ecology and Development (WEED), World Federalist Movement, World Federation of United Nations Associations, World Wide Fund for Nature.

D. Documentation

25. The Working Group had before it the following documents:*

(a) Annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.70/1995/1);

(b) Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations on its first session (A/49/215-E/1994/99);

(c) Working document for the second session of the Open-ended Working Group (E/AC.70/1995/CRP.1);

(d) Statement submitted by the International Service for Human Rights, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/1);

(e) Statement submitted by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/2);

(f) Statement submitted by the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/3);

(g) Statement submitted by the International Chamber of Commerce, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/4);

(h) Statement submitted by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/5);

(i) Statement submitted by the American Association of Retired Persons, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/6);

(j) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/7);

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* The Working Group also had available to it, for historical background, the report of the Secretary-General on the general review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations (document E/AC.70/1994/5), which had been before it at its first session; the report of the Working Group on its first session (A/49/215-E/1994/99); and the working document for the inter-sessional meeting (E/AC.70/1994/CRP.1).

(k) Statement submitted by Rotary International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/AC.70/1995/NGO/8).

IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ITS SECOND SESSION

26. At its 5th meeting, on 31 May 1995, the Working Group adopted the draft report on its second session (E/AC.70/1995/L.1).

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Compilation of proposals

The attached text contains, in the left column, the text of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 February 1968, entitled "Arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations". In the right column are the proposals submitted during the discussions in the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-governmental Organizations at its second session held in May 1995. The proposals are indicated in bold according to the format of resolution 1296 (XLIV).

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CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations, (agreed)

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 of 30 July 1993, that requested a general review with a view to updating, if necessary, ECOSOC resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, as well as introducing coherence in the rules governing the participation of non-governmental organizations in international conferences convened by the United Nations and also an examination of ways and means of improving practical arrangements for the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organization Section of the Secretariat, (agreed)

Confirming the need to take into account the full diversity of the non-governmental organizations at the national, regional and international levels, (agreed)

Acknowledging the breadth of non-governmental organizations expertise and the capacity of non-governmental organizations

to support the work of the United Nations, (agreed)

Taking into account the changes in the non-governmental sector, including the emergence of a large number of national and regional organizations, (agreed)

Approves the following update to the arrangements contained in resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968: (agreed)

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

PART I

Principles to be applied in the establishment of consultative relations

The following principles shall be applied in establishing consultative relations with non-governmental organizations

1. The organization shall be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Economic and Social Council with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, scientific, technological and related matters and to questions of human rights.

1. The organization shall be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies with respect to international economic, social, environmental, cultural, educational, health, scientific, technological, and related matters and to humanitarian and human rights questions (Canada/EU).

1.1 The whole United Nations system, including the United Nations bodies and conferences, dealing not only with the economic, social and sustained economic growth and sustainable development issues but also disarmament, finance, trade, law and humanitarian issues should be open to

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	participation by non-governmental organizations. (G-77)
2. The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.	2. NO CHANGE
3. The organization shall undertake to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with its own aims and purposes and the nature and scope of its competence and activities.	3. NO CHANGE
	3.1 (Alternative #1) Non-governmental organizations shall include private voluntary organisations, major groups as defined in Agenda 21, advocacy groups, service organisations, organizations

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representing indigenous peoples, foundations, research institutions and religious organisations, and not-for-profit entities representing business organisations. (CRP.1) (This paragraph should be deleted (G-77))

3.1 (Alternative #2) Except where expressly stated otherwise the term organization will refer to non-governmental organizations at the national, regional or international levels. For the purpose of this resolution it shall include, but not be limited to, private voluntary organizations, non-profit organizations representing major groups addressed in Agenda 21, advocacy groups, service organizations, foundations and networks. These designations are subject to evolution. Their use has no implication for decisions on consultative status made by the Council or recommendations by its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, but is intended to illustrate the variety of organizations denoted by the term "non-governmental organizations" which may be eligible.

(Australia/Canada/European Union/Russian Federation)

(A possible definition of a network: A network is a grouping of individual non-profit non-governmental organizations which

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agree to work together on specific issues in order to pool their resources and increase their effectiveness in working on those issues of joint concern. It has identifiable member organizations, decision-making processes and accountability to its members. A network does not necessarily have a headquarters but can provide a mailing list). (Australia/Canada/European Union)

3.2 (Alternative #1) Consultative relationships may be established with international, regional and national organizations, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and criteria established under the present resolution. (CRP.1) (This paragraph should be deleted (G-77))

3.2 (Alternative #2) Consideration will be given to achieve an equitable balance in the granting of consultative status to non-governmental organizations and their participation in international conferences convened by the United Nations, particularly between national and international non-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations from developing and developed countries. (G-77)

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3.3 Balance in terms of regions, issues and expertise of the organizations should also be achieved. Greater participation of non-governmental organizations from developing countries in international conferences convened from the United Nations should be encouraged. (G-77)

3.4 (Alternative #1) Regional and national organizations, particularly from developing and transition economy countries,[which are not affiliated to an international organization (Australia proposes deleting this phrase)] already in status, may be admitted provided that they can demonstrate that their programme of work is of direct relevance to the aims and purposes of the United Nations and, in the case of national organizations, after consultation with the Member State concerned. (CRP.1)

3.4 (Alternative #2) Regional and national organizations may be admitted provided that they can demonstrate that their programme of work is of direct relevance to the aims and purposes of the United Nations and, in the case of national organizations, after consultation with the Member State concerned. Such consultation shall allow the member state concerned to be informed that a NGO claiming to be established on its territory is applying for consultative

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	status to communicate its views, if any, to the Secretariat. These views shall be communicated to the NGO concerned, which shall have the opportunity to respond to the views of the member state. (Canada/EU)
	3.4 (Alternative #3) Regional and national organizations from developing countries, which are not affiliated to an international organization already in status, may be admitted provided that they can demonstrate that their programme of work is of direct relevance to the aims and purposes of the United Nations and, in the case of national organizations, after consultation with the Member State concerned. (G-77)
4. The organization shall be of representative character and of recognized international standing; it shall represent a substantial proportion, and express the views of major sections, of the population or of the organized persons within the particular field of its competence, covering, where possible, a substantial number of countries in different regions of the world. Where there exist a number of organizations with similar objectives, interests and basic views in a given field, they shall, for the purposes of consultation with the Council, form a joint committee or	**4. (Alternative #1) Russian Federation proposes the insertion of the words "or regional" between the words "international" and "standing" in the first sentence of paragraph 4.**
	4. (Alternative #2) The organization shall be of recognized standing within the particular field of its competence or of a representative character. Where there exist a number of organizations with similar objectives, interests and basic views in a given field, they shall, for the purposes of consultation with the Council, form a joint

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other body authorized to carry on such consultation for the group as a whole. It is understood that when a minority opinion develops on a particular point within such a committee, it shall be presented along with the opinion of the majority.	**committee or other body authorised to carry on such consultation for the group as a whole. (Australia/Canada/EU)**
5. The organization shall have an established headquarters, with an executive officer. It shall have a democratically adopted constitution, a copy of which shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and which shall provide for the determination of policy by a conference, congress or other representative body, and for an executive organ responsible to the policy-making body.	5. **NO CHANGE**
6. The organization shall have authority to speak for its members through its authorized representatives. Evidence of this authority shall be presented, if requested.	6. **NO CHANGE**
7. Subject to paragraph 9 below, the organization shall be international in its structure, with members who exercise voting rights in relation to the policies or action of the international	7. **NO CHANGE** **7.1 [Any such organization shall possess appropriate mechanisms of accountability to**

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organization. Any international organization which is not established by intergovernmental agreement shall be considered as a non-governmental organization for the purpose of these arrangements, including organizations which accept members designated by governmental authorities, provided that such membership does not interfere with the free expression of views of the organization.	**its members. (EU)] Any such organization which is not established by any governmental entity or intergovernmental agreement shall be considered as a non-governmental organization for the purpose of these arrangements, including organizations which accept members designated by governmental authorities, provided that such membership does not interfere with the free expression of views of the organization. (CRP.1) <u>[This paragraph should be deleted (G-77)</u>. [An organization which is established by a governmental entity is not precluded from admission if it can demonstrate its independence from the establishing entity. (Canada)]**
8. The basic resources of the international organization shall be derived in the main part from contributions of the national affiliates or other components or from individual members. Where voluntary contributions have been received, their amounts and donors shall be faithfully revealed to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Where, however, the above criterion is not fulfilled and an organization is financed from other sources,	8. NO CHANGE

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it must explain to the satisfaction of the Committee its reasons for not meeting the requirements laid down in this paragraph. Any financial contribution or other support, direct or indirect, from a Government to the international organization shall be openly declared to the Committee through the Secretary-General and fully recorded in the financial and other records of the organization and shall be devoted to purposes in accordance with the aims of the United Nations.	
9. National organizations shall normally present their views through international non-governmental organizations to which they belong. It would not, save in exceptional cases, be appropriate to admit national organizations which are affiliated to an international non-governmental organization covering the same subjects on an international basis. National organizations, however, may be admitted after consultation with the Member State concerned in order to help achieve a balanced and effective representation of non-governmental organizations reflecting major interests of all regions and areas of the world, or where they have special experience upon which the Council may wish to draw.	9. (Alternative #1) National organizations should normally present their views through international or regional non-governmental organizations to which they belong. National organizations whether they are affiliated to an international or regional non-governmental organization or not, may, however, be admitted after consultations with a member state concerned in order to help achieve a balanced and effective representation of non-governmental organizations reflecting major interests of regions and areas of the world, or where they have special experience upon which the Council may wish to draw, or where they can demonstrate that they are capable of offering a new perspective and the effective international or regional organization does

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	not object on the basis of its statutory relations with the affiliate seeking admission. (Russian Federation) (This paragraph is proposed by the Russian Federation on the understanding that paragraph 3.4 above (CRP.1) will be deleted.
	9. (Alternative #2) National organisations which are affiliated to an international or regional non-governmental organisation covering the same subjects may be admitted unless the international or regional non-governmental organisation concerned objects on the basis of its statutory relations with the affiliate seeking admission. (Canada/EU).
10. Consultative arrangements shall not normally be made with an international organization which is a member of a committee or group composed of international organizations with which consultative arrangements have been made.	10. Should paragraph 3.4 (CRP.1) above be amended, paragraph 10 of resolution 1296 should be deleted. (EU)
11. In considering the establishment of consultative relations with a non-governmental organization, the Council will take into account whether the field of activity of the organization is wholly or	11. NO CHANGE 11.1 The granting, suspension and withdrawal of consultative status and accreditation to

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mainly within the field of a specialized agency, and whether or not it could be admitted when it has, or may have, a consultative arrangement with a specialized agency.	**the international conferences convened by the United Nations is the prerogative of Member States exercised through the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Likewise, only Member States can interpret any norm or decision regarding this matter. When the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations has reservations in granting, suspending or withdrawing consultative status and accreditation to the international conferences convened by the United Nations, the non-governmental organizations concerned should have the right to be informed and respond to the objections before any final decision is made. (G-77)**
	11.2 The provisions of the present resolution shall apply to the United Nations regional commissions and their subsidiary bodies <u>mutatis mutandis</u>. [Accordingly, supportive secretariat arrangements should be put in place at the headquarters of each regional commission. (EU/Russian Federation propose deleting this sentence)]. (CRP.1)
	11.3 The Economic and Social Council invites the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF and the [Executive Board] of WFP to examine ways and means of strengthening their cooperation with non-governmental organizations at the national and regional

levels in relation to operational activities within the framework of the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199. (CRP.1) (This paragraph should be deleted (EU/US/Russian Federation/G-77)

11.4 The governing bodies of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should examine the principles and practices in relation to their cooperation with NGOs and to take the necessary action to harmonize them wherever possible in the light of the provisions of the present resolution. (G-77) (This paragraph should be deleted (EU/Russian Federation/US))

11.5 In recognising the evolving relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations, the Economic and Social Council will consider reviewing the consultative arrangements every five years to facilitate in the most effective manner possible the contributions of non-governmental organisations to the work of the United Nations in the economic and social spheres. (Canada/EU).

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Part I

PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE NATURE OF THE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

12. A clear distinction is drawn in the Charter of the United Nations between participation without vote in the deliberations of the Council and the arrangements for consultation. Under Articles 69 and 70, participation is provided for only in the case of States not members of the Council, and of specialized agencies. Article 71, applying to non-governmental organizations, provides for suitable arrangements for consultation. This distinction, deliberately made in the Charter, is fundamental and the arrangements for consultation should not be such as to accord to non-governmental organizations the same rights of participation as are accorded to States not members of the Council and to the specialized agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations.

12. NO CHANGE

13. The arrangements should not be such as to overburden the Council or transform it from a body for coordination of policy and action, as contemplated in the Charter, into a general forum for discussion.

13. NO CHANGE

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14. Decisions on arrangements for consultation should be guided by the principle that consultative arrangements are to be made, on the one hand, for the purpose of enabling the Council or one of its bodies to secure expert information or advice from organizations having special competence in the subjects for which consultative arrangements are made, and, on the other hand, to enable organizations which represent important elements of public opinion in a large number of countries to express their views. Therefore, the arrangements for consultation made with each organization should involve only the subjects for which that organization has a special competence or in which it has a special interest. The organizations given consultative status should be limited to those whose international activities in fields set out in paragraph 1 above qualify them to make a significant contribution to the work of the Council and should, in sum, as far as possible reflect in a balanced way the major viewpoints or interests in these fields in all areas and regions of the world.

14. (Alternative #1) Australia/Canada/EU propose the deletion of the following:

- "in a large number of countries" from the first sentence of paragraph 14;

- "in all areas and regions of the world" from the last sentence of paragraph 14.

14. (Alternative #2) EU proposes replacing the words "involve only" with "relate to" in the second sentence of para.14.

14. (Alternative #3) G-77 proposes no change.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

15. In establishing consultative relationships with each organization, regard shall be had to the nature and scope of its activities and to the assistance it may be expected to give to the Council or its subsidiary bodies in carrying out the functions set out in Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations.

15. NO CHANGE

16. In establishing consultative relations with organizations, the Council will distinguish between:

(a) Organizations which are concerned with most of the activities of the Council and can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Council that they have marked and sustained contributions to make to the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations in the fields set out in paragraph 1 above, and are closely involved with the economic and social life of the

16. In establishing consultative relations with organisations, the Council will distinguish between:

(a) Organisations [set out in para.3.1 (Australia/Canada)] which are concerned with most of the activities of the Council and its subsidiary bodies and can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Council that they have substantive and sustained contributions to make to the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations in the fields as set out in paragraph 1 above,

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peoples of the areas they represent and whose membership, which should be considerable, is broadly representative of major segments of population in a large number of countries (to be known as organizations in general consultative status, category I);	**and are closely involved with the economic and social life of the peoples of the areas they represent and whose membership, which should be considerable, is broadly representative of major segments of [population] [society (EU)] in a large number of countries in different regions of the world (to be known as organizations in general consultative status); (Australia/Canada/EU). (This text is proposed by Canada on the understanding that there be acceptance of paragraph 3.4 (Canada/EU) as amended.) (Agreed).**
(b) Organizations which have a special competence in, and are concerned specifically with, only a few of the fields of activity covered by the Council, and which are known internationally within the fields for which they have or seek consultative status (to be known as organizations in special consultative status, category II).	**(b) Organizations which have a special competence in, and are concerned specifically with, only a few of the fields of activity covered by the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and which are known ~~[internationally - - or regionally~~ (Austalia/Canada/EU)] within the fields for which they have or seek consultative status (to be known as organizations in**

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	special consultative status). (This text is proposed by Canada on the understanding that there is acceptance of para.3.4 (Canada/EU) as amended). (Agreed) [Roster remains as is] (G-77)
17. Organizations accorded consultative status in category II because of their interest in the field of human rights should have a general international concern with this matter, not restricted to the interests of a particular group of persons, a single nationality or the situation in a single State or restricted group of States. Special consideration shall be given to the applications of organizations in this field whose aims place stress on combating colonialism, <u>apartheid</u>, racial intolerance and other gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.	**17. (Alternative #1) Organizations accorded special consultative status because of their interest in the field of human rights should have a general international concern with this matter. Special consideration shall be given to the applications of organizations in this field whose aims place stress on combatting all forms of intolerance and discrimination and gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms. (EU)**
	17. (Alternative #2) Organizations accorded special consultative status because of their interest in the field of human rights and humanitarian assistance should have a general international concern with this matter, not restricted to the interests of a particular group of persons, a single nationality or the situation in a single State or restricted group of States. Special consideration shall be given to the applications of organizations in this field whose aims place stress on combatting colonialism, xenophobia, racism, racial

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	discrimination and ethnic cleansing and other gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms. (G-77)
18. Major organizations one of whose primary purposes is to promote the aims, objectives and purposes of the United Nations and a furtherance of the understanding of its work may be accorded consultative status in category II.	**18. G-77 proposes deletion "in category II" at the end of the sentence. (Agreed).**
19. Other organizations which do not have general or special consultative status but which the Council, or the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with the Council or its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations considers can make occasional and useful contributions to the work of the Council or its subsidiary bodies or other United Nations bodies within their competence shall be included in a list (to be known as the Roster). This list may also include organizations in consultative status or similar relationship with a specialized agency or a United Nations body. These organizations shall be available for consultation at the request of the Council or its subsidiary bodies. The fact that an organization is on the Roster shall not in itself be regarded as a qualification for	**19. (Alternative #1) G-77 proposes the insertion of "including in particular national organizations" between the words "Other organizations" and "which" in the first sentence.** **19. (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada/EU propose no change.**

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general or special consultative status should an organization seek such status.

Part IV

CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL

Provisional agenda

20. The provisional agenda of the Council shall be communicated to organizations in categories I and II and to those on the Roster.

20. Categories I and II to read general consultative status and special consultative status (agreed).

21. Organizations in category I may propose to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that the Committee request the Secretary-General to place items of special interest to the organizations on the provisional agenda of the Council.

21. Category I to read general consultative status (agreed).

Attendance at meetings

22. Organizations in categories I and II may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the

22. Organizations in general consultative status and special consultative status may designate authorized representatives to sit

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Council and its subsidiary bodies. Those on the Roster may have representatives present at such meetings concerned with matters within their field of competence.	**as observers at public meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies. Those on the Roster may have representatives present at such meetings concerned with matters within their field of competence. These attendance arrangements may be supplemented to include other modalities of participation. (Agreed).**
Written statements	
23. Written statements relevant to the work of the Council may be submitted by organizations in categories I and II on subjects in which these organizations have a special competence. Such statements shall be circulated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the members of the Council, except those statements which have become obsolete, for example, those dealing with matters already disposed of and those which had already been circulated in some other form.	**23. (Alternative #1) Categories I and II to read general consultative status and special consultative status (agreed)**
	23. (Alternative #2) Insert "subject to available resources" at the beginning of the second sentence (Japan/US)
	23. (Alternative #3) Insert "and those on the Roster" before "on subjects in which..." in the first sentence (Australia/Canada)
24. The following conditions shall be observed regarding the submission and circulation of such statements:	

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(a) The written statement shall be submitted in one of the official languages.	(a) NO CHANGE
(b) It shall be submitted in sufficient time for appropriate consultation to take place between the Secretary-General and the organization before circulation.	(b) NO CHANGE
(c) The organization shall give due consideration to any comments which the Secretary-General may make in the course of such consultation before transmitting the statement in final form.	(c) NO CHANGE
(d) A written statement submitted by an organization in category I will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 2,000 words. Where a statement is in excess of 2,000 words, the organizations shall submit a summary which will be circulated or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the working languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon a specific request of the Council or its Committee	(d) (Alternative #1) Category I to read general consultative status (agreed). (d) (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada propose inserting "or special consultative status" before "will be circulated in full..." in the first sentence. (d) (Alternative #3) G-77 proposes retaining text of subpara. (d) of

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on Non-Governmental Organizations.	resolution 1296 leaving the number of words to be determined.
(e) A written statement submitted by an organization in category II or on the Roster will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 500 words. Where a statement is in excess of 500 words, the organization shall submit a summary which will be circulated; such statements will be circulated in full, however, upon a specific request of the Council or its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.	(e) (Alternative #1) Category II to read special consultative status (agreed) (e) (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada propose deleting "in category II or" in the first sentence. (e) (Alternative #3) G-77 proposes retaining the text of subpara. (e) of resolution 1296 leaving the number of words to be determined.
(f) The Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Council, or the Council or its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, may invite organizations on the Roster to submit written statements. The provisions of sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) above shall apply to such statements.	(f) (Alternative #1) Delete sub-paragraph 24 (f) of resolution 1296 provided sub-paragraph 24 (e) covers Roster NGOs. (Australia/Canada) (f) (Alternative #2) The Secretary-General, in consultation and with the approval of the Bureau of the Council, or the Council or its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, may invite organisations on the Roster to submit written statements. The provisions of sub-paragraphs (a), (b),

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	(c) and (e) above shall apply to such statements. (G-77)
(g) A written statement or summary, as the case may be, will be circulated by the Secretary-General in the working languages, and, upon the request of a member of the Council, in any of the official languages.	(g) NO CHANGE
Hearings	**[Oral contributions during meetings (Canada/EU)]**
25. (a) The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall make recommendations to the Council as to which organizations in category I should be heard by the Council or by its sessional committees and on which items	**(a) (Alternative #1) Category I to read general consultative status (agreed). Category II to read special consultative status (agreed).** **(a) (Alternative #2 Canada/EU/US propose deleting all references to sessional**

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they should be heard. Such organizations shall be entitled to make one statement to the Council or the appropriate sessional committee, subject to the approval of the Council or of the sessional committee concerned. In the absence of a subsidiary body of the Council with jurisdiction in a major field of interest to the Council and to an organization in category II, the Committee may recommend that an organization in category II be heard by the Council on the subject in its field of interest.	**committees in the subparagraph and changing "an organization" to "organizations" in the third sentence.**
(b) Whenever the Council discusses the substance of an item proposed by a non-governmental organization in category I and included in the agenda of the Council, such an organization shall be entitled to present orally to the Council or a sessional committee of the Council, as appropriate, an introductory statement of an expository nature. Such an organization may be invited by the President of the Council or	**(b) Category I to read general consultative status (agreed).**

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the Chairman of the committee, with the consent of the relevant body, to make, in the course of the discussion of the item before the Council or before the committee, an additional statement for purposes of clarification.	
Part V CONSULTATION WITH COMMISSIONS AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL <u>Provisional agenda</u>	
26. The provisional agenda of sessions of commissions and other subsidiary organs of the Council shall be communicated to organizations in categories I and II and those on the Roster.	**26. Categories I and II <u>to read</u> general consultative status and special consultative status (agreed).**

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27. Organizations in category I may propose items for the provisional agenda of commissions, subject to the following conditions:	**27. (Alternative #1) Category I <u>to read</u> general consultative status (agreed).** **27. (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada propose inserting "and special consultative status" in the text.**
(a) An organization which intends to propose such an item shall inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations at least sixty-three days before the commencement of the session and before formally proposing an item shall give due consideration to any comments the Secretary-General may make.	(a) NO CHANGE
(b) The proposal shall be formally submitted with the relevant basic documentation not later than forty-nine days before the commencement of the session. The item shall be included in the agenda of the commission if it is adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.	(b) NO CHANGE

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Attendance at meetings	
28. Organizations in categories I and II may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the commissions and other subsidiary organs of the Council. Organizations on the Roster may have representatives present at such meetings which are concerned with matters within their field of competence.	**28. (Alternative #1) Categories I and II to read general consultative status and special consultative status (agreed).** **28. (Alternative #2) Add "These attendance arrangements may be supplemented to include other modalities of participation" at the end of the paragraph. (Agreed).**
Written statements	
29. Written statements relevant to the work of the commissions or other subsidiary organs may be submitted by organizations in categories I and II on subjects for which these organizations have a special competence. Such statements shall be circulated by the Secretary-General to members of the commission or other subsidiary organs, except those statements which have become obsolete, for example, those dealing with matters already disposed of and those which have already been	**29. (Alternative #1) Categories I and II to read general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).** **29. (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada propose inserting "by organizations in general consultative status, special consultative status and those on the Roster" after "may be submitted" in the first sentence.**

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circulated in some other form to members of the commission or other subsidiary organs.	**29. (Alternative #3) Japan/US propose inserting "Subject to available resources" at the beginning of the second sentence.**
30. Following conditions shall be observed regarding the submission and circulation of such written statements:	
(a) The written statement shall be submitted in one of the official languages.	**(a) NO CHANGE**
(b) It shall be submitted in sufficient time for appropriate consultation to take place between the Secretary-General and the organization before circulation.	**(b) NO CHANGE**
(c) The organization shall give due consideration to any comments which the Secretary-General may make in the course of such consultation before transmitting the statement in final form.	**(c) NO CHANGE**
(d) A written statement submitted by an organization in category I will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 2,000 words. Where a statement is in excess of 2,000 words, the organization	**(d) (Alternative #1) Category I to read general consultative status. (Agreed).** **(d) (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada propose inserting "and special**

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shall submit a summary, which will be circulated, or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the working languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon the specific request of the commission or other subsidiary organs.	consultative status" before "will be circulated..." in the first sentence.
	(d) (Alternative #3) G-77 proposes leaving the number of words to be determined.
(e) A written statement submitted by an organization in category II will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 1,500 words. Where a statement is in excess of 1,500 words, the organization shall submit a summary which will be circulated, or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the working languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon the specific request of the commission or other subsidiary organs.	(e) (Alternative #1) Category II to read special consultative status. (Agreed)
	(e) (Alternative #2) Australia/Canada propose inserting "on the Roster" before "will be circulated..."
(f) The Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the relevant commission or other subsidiary organ, or the	(f) (Alternative #1) Delete sub-paragraph 30 (f) of resolution 1296 provided that sub-paragraph

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commission of other subsidiary organ itself, may invite organizations on the Roster to submit written statements. The provisions in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) above shall apply to such statements.	30 (e) covers Roster NGOS. (Australia/Canada) (f) (Alternative #2) The Secretary-General, in consultation and with the approval of the Bureau of the relevant commission or other subsidiary organ, or the commission of other subsidiary organ itself, may invite organisations on the Roster to submit written statements. The provisions in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) above shall apply to such statements. (G-77)
(g) A written statement or summary, as the case may be, will be circulated by the Secretary-General in the working languages and, upon the request of a member of the commission or other subsidiary organ, in any of the official languages.	(g) NO CHANGE

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Hearings	**[Oral contributions during meetings (Canada/EU)]**
31 (a) The commission or other subsidiary organs may consult with organizations in categories I and II either directly or through a committee or committees established for the purpose. In all cases, such consultations may be arranged on the request of the organization.	**31. (a) (Alternative #1) Categories I and II to read general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).** **(a) (Alternative #2) Canada proposes replacing "may" by "shall normally" in the first sentence.** **(a) (Alternative #3) Australia/Canada propose inserting "and those on the Roster" before "either directly..." in the first sentence.**
(b) On the recommendation of the Secretary-General and at the request of the commission or other subsidiary organs, organizations on the Roster may also be heard by the commission or other subsidiary organs.	**(b) Delete sub-paragraph (b) provided sub-paragraph (a) is amended. (Australia/Canada)**

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32. Subject to the relevant rules of procedure on financial implications, a commission may recommend that an organization which has special competence in a particular field should undertake specific studies or investigations or prepare specific papers for the commission. The limitations of paragraph 30 (d) and (e) above shall not apply in this case.

32. Insert "or other subsidiary organ" after "a commission" (CRP.1).

Part VI

CONSULTATIONS WITH AD HOC COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

33. The arrangements for consultation between ad hoc committees of the Council authorized to meet between sessions of the Council and organizations in categories I and II and on the Roster shall follow those approved for commissions of the Council, unless the Council or the committee decides otherwise.

33. Categories I and II to read general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).

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Part VII CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CALLED BY THE COUNCIL	[Participation of non-governmental organisations in international conferences convened by the United Nations and their preparatory process (Agreed)] (G-77 proposes adding the following two new paras. to precede para.34 of resolution 1296) * The rules for non-governmental participation in all international conferences convened by the United Nations should have an overall general framework. Non-governmental organizations should participate in United Nations conferences dealing not only with economic, social and sustained economic growth and sustainable development issues but also those dealing with disarmament, finance, trade, law and humanitarian issues. (G-77) * The participation of non-governmental organizations in all international conferences convened by the United Nations should be preceded by the appropriate screening process. (G-77)

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34. The Council may invite non-governmental organizations in categories I and II and on the Roster to take part in conferences called by the Council under Article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations. The organizations shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges and shall undertake the same responsibilities as at sessions of the Council itself, unless the Council decides otherwise.

34. (Alternative #1) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, which express their wish to attend the international conferences convened by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and the meetings of the preparatory bodies of said conferences, shall be accredited for participation. Other non-governmental organizations wishing to be accredited may apply to the secretariat of the conference for this purpose in accordance with the following requirements. (CRP.1)

34. (Alternative #2) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, which express their wish to attend the international conferences convened by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and the meetings of the preparatory bodies of said conferences, shall be accredited for participation. (G-77)

34. (Alternative #3) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status and on Roster with the Economic and Social Council,

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which express their wish to attend the international conferences convened by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and the meetings of the preparatory bodies of said conferences, shall be accredited for participation. Other non-governmental organizations wishing to be accredited may apply to the secretariat of the conference for this purpose in accordance with the following requirements. (Australia/Canada)

34.1 (Alternative #1) The secretariat of the conference shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the conference and its preparatory process. (CRP.1) (This paragraph should be deleted (G-77))

34.1 (Alternative #2) Non-governmental organizations without consultative status wishing to participate in international conferences should apply to the unified Secretariat consisting of the Non-Governmental Organization Section of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the conference. The unified Secretariat shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of the requests, and shall be guided by resolution 1296 (XLIV) as

updated in accordance with article 71 of the United Nations Charter. (G-77)

34.2 All such applications must be accompanied by information on the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the conference and its preparatory committee, with an indication of the particular areas of the conference agenda and preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain, and should include, inter alia, the following information: (CRP.1)

(a) The purpose of the organization;

(b) Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the conference and its preparatory process and in which country or countries they are carried out;

(c) Confirmation [Proof (G-77)] of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level;

(d) Copies of the annual reports of the organization with financial statements;

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(e) A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

(f) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members [the names of organizations which are members (US)] and their geographical distribution;

(g) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.

34.3 In the evaluation of the relevance of applications of non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the conference and its preparatory process, it is agreed that a determination will be made based on their background and involvement in the subject areas of the conference. (CRP.1)

34.4 (Alternative #1) Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation shall be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the conference. (CRP.1)

34.4 (Alternative #2) The G-77 proposes to insert two new paragraphs to read as follows:

* Member States will have the possibility to express to the unified Secretariat their views on any one of the applications.

* The unified secretariat shall publish and disseminate to Member States on a periodic basis the updated list of applications received. Member States may submit comments on the list 14 days from receipt thereof by their respective diplomatic missions.)

34.5 (Alternative #1) In cases where the conference secretariat believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present resolution, that the organization has established its competence and the relevance of its activities to the work of the preparatory committee, it will recommend to the preparatory committee that the organization be accredited. In cases where the conference secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the preparatory committee [and to the concerned NGOS (Australia/Canada/EU/US] its reasons for not doing so. The conference secretariat should ensure that its recommendations are available to members of the preparatory committee at least one week prior to the start of each session. [The Secretariat must

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notify such applicants of the reasons for non-recommendation (Australia/Canada/EU/US)].

34.5 (Alternative #2) In cases where the unified secretariat considers, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present resolution, that the organization has established its competence and the relevance of its activities to the work of the preparatory committee, it will recommend to the preparatory committee that the organization be accredited. In cases where the unified secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the preparatory committee its reasons for not doing so. The recommendations of the unified secretariat and the comments made by Member States should be made available to members of the preparatory committee at least one week prior to the start of each session. (G-77)

34.6 (Alternative #1) The preparatory committee will decide on all proposals for accreditation within twenty-four hours after the recommendations of the conference secretariat have been taken up by the preparatory committee in plenary meeting. In the event of a decision not being taken within this period, interim accreditation

shall be accorded until such time as a decision is taken. (CRP.1)

34.6 (Alternative #2) The preparatory committee will decide on all recommendations for accreditation within twenty-four hours after the recommendations of the unified secretariat have been taken up by the preparatory committee in plenary meeting. In the event of a decision not being taken within this period, interim accreditation shall be accorded until such time as a decision is taken. (G-77)

34.7 The final decision on application upon which commentaries have been received shall be based on the conclusions made by an open-ended working group established for this purpose by the Preparatory Conference. Interim accreditation may not be accorded in these cases. (G-77)

34.8 A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the preparatory committee [including related preparatory meetings of regional commissions (Canada/US)] may attend all its future sessions, as well as the conference itself. (CRP.1)

34.9 In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the conference, non-governmental

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organizations shall have no negotiating role in the work of the conference and its preparatory process. (CRP.1)

34.10 Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may be given an opportunity to briefly address the preparatory committee in plenary meeting and its subsidiary bodies. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the preparatory committee shall request the non-governmental organizations to form themselves into constituencies, each constituency to speak through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the chairman and with the consent of the preparatory committee. (CRP.1)

34.11 (Alternative #1) Relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations during the preparatory process in the official languages of the United Nations as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents

except in accordance with United Nations rules of procedure. (CRP.1)

34.11 (Alternative #2) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status and on the Roster with the Economic and Social Council may, at their own expense, make written presentations during the preparatory process in the official languages of the United Nations as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents except in accordance with United Nations rules of procedure. (Australia/Canada)

34.12 (Alternative #1) Non-governmental organizations without consultative status that are accredited to United Nations international conferences in the economic, social and related fields and their preparatory processes, and who thereafter desire consultative status with the Economic and Social Council must apply for such status. In considering their application, the NGO Committee shall draw upon the documents already submitted by that organization for accreditation to the conference and any additional information submitted by the NGO supporting its interest, relevance and capacity to contribute to the implementation phase. The NGO Committee shall review such applications

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	as expeditiously as possible so as to ensure a participation of the respective organization in the implementation phase of the conference. (Australia/Canada/EU/US)
	34.12 (Alternative #2) Non-governmental organizations without consultative status participating in international conferences wishing to obtain later on consultative status should apply through the normal procedures established under resolution 1296 as updated. (G-77) [The G-77 would prefer to see this paragraph placed earlier on in the resent text.]
Part VIII	
SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS	...."AND ACCREDITATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. (Addition to the title proposed by the G-77)
35. Organizations granted consultative status by the Council and those on the Roster shall conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of their consultative relations with the Council. In periodically reviewing the activities of NGOs on the basis of the reports submitted under paragraph 40 (b) below and other relevant information, the Council Committee on Non- governmental	35. NO CHANGE
	35.1 (Alternative #1) An organization that the NGO Committee does not recommend for receiving consultative status shall be given written reasons for such recommendation and an opportunity to present its comments and have its case reviewed expeditiously by the Committee. (Canada/EU)

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Organizations shall determine the extent to which the organizations have complied with the principles governing consultative status and have contributed to the work of the Council, and may recommend to the Council suspension or exclusion from consultative status of organizations which have not met the requirements for consultative status as set forth in the present resolution.	**35.1 (Alternative #2) In cases where the accreditation of the consultative status or the listing on the Roster of an organisation is not recommended to the Economic and Social Council, reasons for not recommending it to the Council will be made available to the organization concerned. (Japan)**
36. The consultative status of non-governmental organizations with the Economic and Social Council and the listing of those on the Roster shall be suspended up to three years or withdrawn in the following cases:	
(a) If there exists substantiated evidence of secret governmental financial influence to induce an organization to undertake acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;	**(a) If there exists substantiated evidence of governmental influence through funds or otherwise, or evidence of influence from proceeds resulting from the illicit drugs trade, money laundering or the arms trade. (G-77)**
(b) If the organization clearly abuses its consultative status by systematically engaging in unsubstantiated or politically	**(b) NO CHANGE**

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motivated acts against States Members of the United Nations contrary to and incompatible with the principles of the Charter;	
(c) If, within the preceding three years, an organization had not made any positive or effective contribution to the work of the Council or its commissions or other subsidiary organs.	(c) **If, within the preceding three years, an organisation had not made any positive or effective contribution to the work of the United Nations and, in particular, of the Council or its commissions or other subsidiary organs. (CRP.1)**
	(d) **(NEW) Non-governmental organisations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council shall be suspended or withdrawn if the organisation extends its rights and privileges to individuals or groups whose activities run contrary to the principles governing the granting of consultative status by the Economic and Social Council, or are not in full conformity with the principles governing the nature of consultative arrangements. (G-77)**

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37. The consultative status of organizations in categories I and II and the listing of those on the Roster will be suspended or withdrawn by the decision of the Economic and Social Council on the recommendation of its Committee on Non-governmental Organizations.	**37. Categories I and II <u>to read</u> general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed)**
38. An organization whose consultative status or whose listing on the Roster is withdrawn may be entitled to reapply for consultative status or for inclusion on the Roster not sooner than three years after the effective date of such withdrawal.	**38. NO CHANGE**
	38.1 All provisions of resolution 1296 concerning the granting, suspension and withdrawal of consultative status shall be applicable to the granting, suspension and withdrawal of NGOs' accreditation to United Nations international conferences at all stages. (G-77)

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Part IX

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

G-77 proposes adding one new paragraph to precede para.39 of resolution 1296 as follows:

* The Committee on NGOs should be strengthened by expanding its mandate, enlarging its membership, holding annual meetings and making provisions for ad hoc meetings whenever deemed necessary (G-77)

39. The members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations 1/ shall be elected at the first session of the Council each year, on the basis of equitable geographical representation, in accordance with Council resolution 1099 (XL) of 4 March 1966 and rule 82 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The Committee shall elect its Chairman and other officers as necessary. A member shall serve until the next election unless it ceases to be a member of the Council.

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1/ This Committee is now composed of thirteen members, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1099 (XL) of 4 March 1966.	1/ This Committee is now composed of nineteen members, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1981/50 of 20 July 1981. (CRP.1) (This footnote should be deleted (G-77))
	OPTION FOR MEMBERSHIP
	* Based on equitable geographical distribution, the present membership of the Committee shall be increased from 19 to __ members, as follows: ____ from Africa, __ from Asia, ____ from Latin America and the Caribbean, _____ from Western European and Other States and ____ from Eastern Europe. Elections to the Committee shall take place at the _____ organizational session of the Economic and Social Council. (G-77)

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40. The functions of the Committee shall include the following:	**[One new subparagraph as follows:]**
	The Committee shall be responsible for regular [continuing (G-77)] monitoring of the evolving relationship between NGOs and the United Nations. With a view to fulfilling this responsibility, the Committee shall hold, before each of its sessions, and at other times as necessary, consultations with organizations in consultative status to discuss questions of interest to the Committee or to the organizations relating to the relationship between the NGOs and the United Nations. A report on such consultations will be transmitted to the Council for appropriate action. (Agreed).
(a) The Committee shall hold a session before the first session of the Council each year to consider applications for consultative status in categories I and II and for listing on the Roster made by non-governmental	**(a) The Committee shall hold a [at a minimum one (Canada)] regular session before the substantive session of the Council each year starting from 1996 to consider applications for general consultative status and special**

organizations and requests for changes in status, and to make recommendations thereon to the Council. Organizations shall give due consideration to any comments on technical matters which the Secretary-General of the United Nations may make in receiving such applications for the Committee. The Committee shall consider at each such session applications received by the Secretary-General not later than 1 June of the preceding year, on which sufficient data have been distributed to the members of the Committee not later than six weeks before the applications are to be considered. Reapplication by an organization for status, or a request for a change in status, shall be considered by the Committee at the earliest at its first session in the second year following the session at which the substance of the previous application or request was considered, unless at the time of such consideration it was decided otherwise.

consultative status and for listing on the Roster made by non-governmental organisations and requests for changes in status, and to make recommendations thereon to the Council. Upon approval by the Council, the Committee may hold other meetings as required to fulfil its responsibilities as set forth in the present resolution. Organisations shall give due consideration to any comments on technical matters which the Secretary-General of the United Nations may make in receiving such applications for the Committee. The Committee shall consider at each such session applications received by the Secretary-General not later than 1 June of the preceding year, on which sufficient data have been distributed to the members of the Committee not later than six weeks before the applications are to be considered. Reapplication by an organisation for status, or a request for a change in status, shall be considered by the Committee at the earliest at its

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	first session in the second year following the session at which the substance of the previous application or request was considered, unless at the time of such consideration it was decided otherwise. (CRP.1)
(b) Organizations in consultative status in categories I and II shall submit to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations through the Secretary-General every fourth year a brief report of their activities, specifically as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. Based on findings of the Committee's examination of the report and other relevant information, the Committee may recommend to the Council any reclassification in status of the organization concerned as it deems appropriate. However, under exceptional circumstances, the Committee may ask for such a report from an individual organization in category I or II or on the Roster, between the regular reporting dates.	(b) (Alternative #1) Categories I and II <u>to read</u> general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).
	(b) (Alternative #2) US proposes inserting "and on the Roster" before "shall submit to the Council Committee" in the first sentence.
	(b) (Alternative #3) Replace "fourth" by "fifth" in the first sentence. (CRP.1).
	(b) (Alternative #4) Replace "fourth" by "third" in the first sentence. (G-77).

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(c) The Committee may consult, in connection with sessions of the Council or at such other times as it may decide, with organizations in categories I and II on matters within their competence, other than items on the agenda of the Council, on which the Council or the Committee or the organization requests consultation. The Committee shall report to the Council on such consultations.	**(c) Categories I and II <u>to read</u> general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).**
(d) The Committee may consult, in connection with any particular session of the Council, with organizations in categories I and II on matters within the competence of the organizations concerning specific items already on the provisional agenda of the Council on which the Council or the Committee or the organization requests consultation, and shall make recommendations as to which organizations, subject to the provisions of paragraph 25 (a) above, should be heard by the Council or the appropriate committee and regarding which	**(d) Categories I and II <u>to read</u> general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).**

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subjects should be heard. The Committee shall report to the Council on such consultations.	
(e) The Committee shall consider matters concerning non-governmental organizations which may be referred to it by the Council or by commissions.	(e) NO CHANGE
(f) The Committee shall consult with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, on matters affecting the consultative arrangements under Article 71 of the Charter, and arising therefrom.	(f) NO CHANGE (f).1 (Alternative #1) An organization which applies for consultative status should justify that it has been in existence for at least two years as at 31 December of the year preceding the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at which the application will be considered. Evidence of such

existence shall be furnished to the Secretariat. (CRP.1)

(f).1 (Alternative #2) An organization which applies for consultative status should justify that it has been in existence for at least two years as at the date of the application. Evidence of such existence shall be furnished to the Secretariat. (EU) (EU proposes to move this text to Part I)

(f).2 The Committee may organize panel discussions, hearings, seminars and invite experts for testimony on current and emerging issues relevant to the work of the United Nations. (CRP.1) <u>(This sub-paragraph should be deleted (G-77))</u>

(f).3 The Committee may hold theme-oriented meetings with the participation of concerned NGOs with a view to enhancing their contribution to the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies on the full

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	range of their activities including policy analysis, advocacy and operational collaboration. (CRP.1) (This sub-paragraph should be deleted (G-77))
41. The Committee, in considering a request from a non-governmental organization in category I that an item be placed on the agenda of the Council, shall take into account, among other things:	**41. Category I to read general consultative status. (Agreed).**
(a) The adequacy of the documentation submitted by the organization;	(a) NO CHANGE
(b) The extent to which it is considered that the item lends itself to early and constructive action by the Council;	(b) NO CHANGE
(c) The possibility that the item might be more appropriately dealt with elsewhere than in the Council.	(c) NO CHANGE
42. Any decision by the Council Committee on Non-governmental Organizations not to grant a request submitted by a non-governmental organization in category I	**42. Category I to read general consultative status. (Agreed).**

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that an item be placed on the provisional agenda of the Council shall be considered as final unless the Council decides otherwise.

Part X

CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARIAT

43. The Secretariat should be so organized as to enable it to carry out the duties assigned to it concerning the consultative arrangements as set forth in the present resolution.

43. G-77 proposes inserting "and NGOs' accreditation to United Nations international conferences" before "as set forth in the present resolution".

44. All organizations in consultative relationship shall be able to consult with officers of the appropriate sections of the Secretariat on matters in which there is a mutual interest or a mutual concern. Such consultation shall be upon the request of the non-governmental organization or upon the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

44. NO CHANGE

45. The Secretary-General may request organizations in categories I and II and those on the Roster to carry out specific studies or prepare specific papers, subject to the relevant financial regulations.

45 Categories I and II <u>to read</u> general consultative status and special consultative status. (Agreed).

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46. The Secretary-General shall be authorized, within the means at his disposal, to offer to non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship facilities which include:	
(a) Prompt and efficient distribution of such documents of the Council and its subsidiary bodies as shall in the judgement of the Secretary-General be appropriate;	(a) NO CHANGE
(b) Access to the press documentation services provided by the United Nations;	(b) NO CHANGE
(c) Arrangement of informal discussions on matters of special interest to groups or organizations;	(c) NO CHANGE
(d) Use of the libraries of the United Nations;	(d) NO CHANGE
(e) Provision of accommodation for conferences or smaller meetings of consultative organizations on the work of the Economic and Social Council;	(e) NO CHANGE

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(f) Appropriate seating arrangements and facilities for obtaining documents during public meetings of the General Assembly dealing with matters in the economic and social fields.	(f) Replace "in the economic and social fields" by "in the economic, social and related fields." (CRP.1)].

Part XI (CRP.1)

Secretariat support

46.1 Adequate Secretariat support will be required to fulfil the broader mandate defined for the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations to carry out the wider range of activities in which enhanced NGO involvement is envisaged. The Secretary-General is requested to provide all necessary resources for this purpose and to take all necessary steps for improving the coordination within the Secretariat of units dealing with NGOs. (CRP.1)

46.2 The Secretary-General is requested to make every effort to improve practical arrangements on such matters as wide and timely dissemination of information on meetings, distribution of documentation, provision of access and transparent, simple and non-bureaucratic procedures for the attendance of NGOS in United Nations

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meetings. (CRP.1). [The Secretary-General is requested to make use of modern information and communication technology to facilitate broad- based participation of NGOs and the dissemination of UN information and documentation. (Australia/Canada)]

46.3 Create a voluntary/extrabudgetary fund to facilitate the participation of NGOs from developing countries in conferences convened by the United Nations. The fund should be managed by the unified secretariat in a transparent way. (G-77)

46.4 The Non-Governmental Section of the United Nations should be strengthened including, among others, the establishment of an integrated database of NGOs. (G-77)